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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 18 January 2007.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-38 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-38 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1, 10, 27 and 31 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

2. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

3. Claims 37 and 38 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claim 37 recites the limitation "the selected information" in line 1. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

4. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

5. Claims 1, 3-14, 18-21, 24, 31-36 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hiroshi (JP 11-134018) in view of Lee (US Pat. 6,542,897).

With regards to claims 1, and 10 Hiroshi discloses a television reproducing audio/video signals by receiving a broadcast comprising means for running a self-diagnostics test upon a user initiating an indication of failure, communicating the

result of the test with a service center computer that analyzes the result and instructs the user of a television how to restore the error (see abstract, [0031]). Hiroshi accordingly has a control unit for controlling the display of error restoration information to the user. See [0032]. Hiroshi further discloses a memory in the television (324) in which diagnostic program is recorded. See [0036]. Hiroshi also discloses that the result of the self-diagnostic test are transmitted to a service center over the Internet. The system therefore stores the contact information of a certain site. See [0052]. Since the self diagnostic program tests various components specific to television 301 and results pertaining specifically to user's television are communicated to the service center wherein the service center transmits instruction specific to user's television, the television stores proper information about the television. Hiroshi discloses communicating error restoration instructions from the Internet in the form of email, therefore discloses the step of transmitting an error check up menu based on the proper information and the contact information to the user. See [0068]-[0069]. Hiroshi is however is silent on the steps of receiving and displaying a function menu from the Internet based on the proper information and the contact information.

In a similar field of endeavor, Lee discloses the step of providing service support over a website stored as a customer homepage that displays a function menu over the Internet to the user so the user can access various information pertaining to the product, including usage guidance for the product as well as FAQ with questions and answers on a product. See abstract, column 2, lines 39-45.

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to modify the system of Hiroshi in view of Lee by providing a service center website that comprises function menu (usage guidance) and error check up menu (FAQ) pertaining to the proper information, and transmitting the function menu and error check up menu to the user based on the proper information and contact information, so that the user can learn about the product usage in general, as well as learn about how to fix specific problems encountered in the product. A further advantage of providing the error check up menu on the website in the FAQ section enables other users facing similar failures to restore their product failures as well.

With further regards to claim 10, the step of selecting information from the received service menu at the TV is taught by Lee when the user indicates the type of service to use (See fig. 4, support, faq, etc.), wherein the selected information is displayed to the user.

With regards to claim 3, the certain site is a service center (service-related) site for providing information corresponding to the function information and the error check up menu of the TV. See Lee: column 2, lines 39-45.

With regards to claim 4, the information corresponding to the function information (usage guidance) and the error check up menu of the TV is received from the service related site server. See Lee, column 2, lines 39-45.

With regards to claim 5, since the self diagnostic program tests various components specific to television 301 and results pertaining specifically to user's television are communicated to the service center so that the service center can

transmit instruction regarding user's television, the television stores proper information about the television.

With regards to claim 6, the status of the television is contacted to the service related server through a network interface (modem, see [0035])

With regards to claims 7, and 8, Lee discloses maintaining service support according to model of a product that the user can access for additional information on the specific model. See column 5, lines 12-22. The contact information to access the website is accordingly a URL (user's homepage).

With regards to claim 9, the function information includes usage guidance regarding the product, and therefore includes information corresponding to a "special function". See Lee, column 2, lines 39-45.

With regards to claim 11, Hiroshi discloses that a user follows the instructions transmitted by the service center in to restore an error based on the received selected information. See [0057].

With regards to claim 12, the modified system comprises the step of inputting a checkup key signal by the user when user encounters a problem (see Hiroshi: [0040]), transmitting the certain site by referencing contact information stored in advance (service site is a user's homepage, see Lee: column 2, lines 39-41) and transmitting the proper information of the TV to the site (information specific to user's television and failure, see Hiroshi: [0054], [0055]).

With regards to claim 13, the system is a television and therefore broadcasts signal after receiving it when the check up key signal is not inputted.

With regards to claim 14, the modified system comprises function menu (usage guidance) and error check up menu (FAQ) pertaining to the proper information, so that the user can learn about the product usage in general, as well as learn about how to fix specific problems encountered in the product.

With regards to claim 18, Lee discloses outputting a list of functions when the selected information is a function information menu of the TV (see figures 7, 8) and displaying the function information requested by the user in the list of functions on the screen. See column 5, lines 30-43

With regards to claim 19, the function information includes usage guidance regarding the product, and therefore includes information corresponding to a "special function". See Lee, column 2, lines 39-45.

With regards to claim 20, when the proper information is not transmitted to the site, a general page listing a plurality of models is displayed to the user (see fig. 6, Lee) so that the user can select the model.

With regards to claim 21, the step of receiving service menu includes receiving an error check up menu from the site (i.e. FAQ).

With regards to claim 24, Hiroshi discloses the step of transmitting information regarding the error to the certain site (see [0052])

With regards to claim 31, Hiroshi discloses a television reproducing audio/video signals by receiving a broadcast comprising means for running a self-diagnostics test upon a user initiating an indication of failure (i.e. receiving a signal requesting information about a television, see [0040]), communicating the result of

the test with a service center computer that analyzes the result and instructs the user of a television how to restore the error (see abstract, [0031]). Hiroshi accordingly has a control unit for controlling the display of error restoration information to the user. See [0032]. Hiroshi further discloses a memory in the television (324) in which diagnostic program is recorded. See [0036]. Hiroshi also discloses that the result of the self-diagnostic test are transmitted to a service center over the Internet. The system therefore stores the contact information of a certain site. See [0052]. Since the self diagnostic program tests various components specific to television 301 and results pertaining specifically to user's television are communicated to the service center wherein the service center transmits instruction specific to user's television, the television stores proper information about the television. Hiroshi discloses communicating error restoration instructions (service menu) from the Internet in the form of email. See [0068]-[0069].

Hiroshi does not disclose the step of transmitting a model name or model number of the television to a particular website and receiving the service menu from the particular website.

In a similar field of endeavor, Lee discloses the step of providing service support over a website that displays a function menu over the Internet to the user so the user can access various information pertaining to the product, including usage guidance for the product as well as FAQ with questions and answers on a product. See abstract, column 2, lines 39-45. Lee additionally discloses maintaining service

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support as a customer homepage according to model of a product that the user can access for additional information on the specific model. See column 5, lines 12-22.

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to modify the system of Hiroshi in view of Lee by maintaining a support site according to a product model, and storing the model information as the "product information" such that when the user request information about the television, service menu pertaining to the particular model name is transmitted and displayed from the website to the user so that the user can learn about the usage of product or learn how to restore a problem.

With regards to claim 32, the modified system is silent on the step of receiving the signal from a television remote control. Examiner takes official notice that it was well known in the art for a user to initiate requests on television using a remote control

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify the system to use a remote control for communicating failure of the television to the service center (see Hiroshi [0040]), so that the user can initiate support related to the failure of the product from the service center.

With regards to claim 33, the step of selecting information from the received service menu at the TV is taught by Lee when the user indicates the type of service to use (See fig. 4, support, faq, etc.), wherein the selected information is displayed to the user.

With regards to claim 34, Lee discloses the step of selecting the type of service to use (See fig. 4, support, faq, etc.), and displaying the selected service information to the user. Accordingly the information received is based on selection of an item in the error check up menu (FAQ).

With regards to claim 35, Hiroshi discloses that a user follows the instructions transmitted by the service center in to restore an error based on the received selected information. See [0057].

With regards to claim 36, Lee discloses the step of providing service support over a website that transmits error check up menu (FAQ) to the user. See column 2, lines 39-45.

6. Claims 27-30 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hiroshi (JP 11-134018) in view of Platt (US Pat. 6,757,837)

With regards to claim 27, Hiroshi discloses a television reproducing audio/video signals by receiving a broadcast comprising means for running a self-diagnostics test upon a user initiating an indication of failure, communicating the result of the test with a service center computer that analyzes the result and instructs the user of a television how to restore the error (see abstract, [0031]). Hiroshi accordingly has a control unit for controlling the display of error restoration information to the user. See [0032]. Hiroshi further discloses a memory in the television (324) in which diagnostic program is recorded. See [0036]. Hiroshi also discloses that the result of the self-diagnostic test are transmitted to a service center over the Internet. The system therefore stores the contact information of a certain

site. See [0052]. Since the self diagnostic program tests various components specific to television 301 and results pertaining specifically to user's television are communicated to the service center wherein the service center transmits instruction specific to user's television, the television stores proper information about the television. Hiroshi does not disclose that the control unit automatically applies the received error information so as to restore the error of the television.

Platt discloses the step of restoring a failure by transmitting a script for restoring the problem, thereby automatically restoring an error when possible. See column 4, lines 5-8.

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify the system in view of Platt's teachings by enabling the service site to transmit a script for automatically resorting an error when possible, thereby improving the user's experience.

With regards to claim 28, Hiroshi discloses communicating error restoration instructions from the Internet in the form of email, therefore discloses the step of transmitting an error check up menu of the television to the user. See [0068]-[0069].

With regards to claim 29, Hiroshi discloses a television comprising a display (Braun tube 109).

With regards to claim 30, Hiroshi further discloses outputting errors and displaying steps to restore error by the user. See [0017] and [0031].

7. Claims 2, 15-16, 22-23, 25-26 and 37-38 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hiroshi (JP 11-134018) in view of Lee (US Pat. 6,542,897), and Platt (US Pat. 6,757,837).

With regards to claims 2, 37 and 38, the modified system fails to disclose the step of automatically applying the received error information so as to restore the error of the television.

Platt discloses the step of restoring a failure by transmitting a script for restoring the problem, thereby automatically restoring an error when possible. See column 4, lines 5-8.

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify the system in view of Platt's teachings by enabling the service site to transmit a script for automatically resorting an error when possible, thereby improving the user's experience.

With regards to claims 15, 22, 23 and 25, the modified system comprises the step of receiving a list of errors when the selected information is error check up menu (FAQ with list of frequently encountered problems). The modified system fails to disclose the step of automatically applying the received error information so as to restore the error of the television.

Platt discloses the step of restoring a failure by transmitting a script for restoring the problem, thereby automatically restoring an error when possible. See column 4, lines 5-8.

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify the system in view of Platt's teachings by enabling the service site to transmit a script for automatically resorting an error when possible, thereby improving the user's experience.

With regards to claim 16, the modified system does not disclose the step of adding error information to a list of errors when it does not exist in the list.

Platt discloses the step of logging all errors including new errors in order to learn history of failures at a machine, analyze the error to provide the needed repairs. See Platt: column 4, lines 8-13, column 10, lines 37-41.

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify the system in view of Platt, by logging errors to obtain a history of failures at the client device, as well as analyze new errors to provide the needed repairs.

With regards to claim 26, Lee discloses the step of selecting the type of service to use (See fig. 4, support, faq, etc.), and displaying the selected service information to the user. Accordingly the information received is based on selection of an item in the error check up menu (FAQ).

8. Claim 17 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hiroshi (JP 11-134018) in view of Lee (US Pat. 6,542,897), Platt (US Pat. 6,757,837) and Kaneko (JP 06008594 A).

In regards to claim 17, the modified system does not disclose contacting a serviceman for repair upon the occurrence of a fatal error.

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Kaneko teaches the step of contacting a serviceman for repair upon the occurrence of a fatal issue. See abstract.

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to further modify the system to request a repair from a service man when a fatal error is encountered. The motivation is to request the serviceman to repair an issue that cannot be automatically resolved.

Conclusion

9. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Usha Raman whose telephone number is (571) 272-7380. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri: 9am-6pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Christopher Kelley can be reached on (571) 272-7331. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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